



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY DRAINAGE PROGRAM'S RECOMMENDED PLAN, DECEMBER 1991

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Soil Conservation Service, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of Water Resources, Department of Fish and Game, Department of Food and Agriculture, and the State Water Resources Control Board agree to the following:

Background. A **management plan** for agricultural subsurface drainage and related problems on the westside San Joaquin Valley was developed by the Federal-State San Joaquin Valley Drainage Program (SJVDP) during the period 1985-1990, and published in a September 1990 report by the same name.

Purpose. All parties to this MOU will use the management plan described in the September 1990 final report of the San Joaquin Valley Drainage Program (SJVDP Recommended Plan) as the principal guide for remedying subsurface agricultural drainage and related problems. All parties will work together to identify and define specific tasks and associated responsible parties, to seek needed funding and authorities, and to determine schedules for accomplishment, as necessary to implement all components of the SJVDP Recommended Plan.

Program. The parties will use the strategy described in *A Strategy for Implementation of the Management Plan for Agricultural Subsurface Drainage and Related Problems on the Westside San Joaquin Valley*, December 1991, as the initial step in developing an action plan. Based on it, the parties will prepare an annual work plan to establish priorities and coordinate activities to address the objectives of the Recommended Plan. During 1992, the parties will prepare work plans for 1992 and 1993. Subsequent work plans will be prepared two years in advance to facilitate budget development and funding requests. The parties will prepare an annual report that will outline and evaluate accomplishments during the year.

Funding and Legal Authority. It is understood by all parties that implementation of this MOU and the SJVDP Recommended Plan are subject to the availability of funding and legal authority. All parties to this MOU agree to support attempts by signatory agencies to secure the funding and authority necessary to implement work plans adopted pursuant to this MOU.

In order to enhance efficiency and economy, and reduce duplications or conflicts in efforts, all parties to this MOU agree to coordinate requests for funding and authority.

Amendment. This MOU may be modified by mutual agreement as necessary to accomplish drainage management objectives.

Withdrawal. Any party to this MOU may withdraw by submitting a written notice to each of the other parties 120 days in advance of the intended withdrawal.

MOU not a contract. In entering into this MOU, it is the intention of the parties that this MOU shall not be construed to be an enforceable contract or agreement, but is rather a statement of principles.

Term of MOU. This MOU shall remain in effect until all components of the SJVDP Recommended Plan have been fully implemented or until it is dissolved by unanimous agreement of the signatory parties.

Signed by all eight agencies